

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 591

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Gary Luffman on the occasion of his retirement from the City of Franklin.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Gary Luffman, longtime Director of the City of Franklin Building and Neighborhood Services Department, is one such estimable person who has served the city with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Luffman took a much deserved retirement in December 2011 after thirty-two years of distinguished public service; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Tennessee Tech University, he holds a Building and Plan Review Certification from the State of Tennessee and the International Code Council; and

WHEREAS, he has also completed graduate work at the University of Memphis and has a certification in Multidisciplinary Highway Accident Investigation from the University of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Luffman served with valor and distinction for seven years as a medic in the Tennessee National Guard; and

WHEREAS, when Gary Luffman began his career with the city in 1979, Franklin had only around 9,000 residents, and, over the last thirty years, he has been able to experience firsthand the city's exponential growth to more than 60,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his duties as the Director of Building and Neighborhood Services, Mr. Luffman was active in the traffic engineering operations for the city for fourteen

years, and, during the growth periods in Franklin, he was heavily involved in the site and construction plan approvals; and

WHEREAS, as the city's authority on its building codes and inspections, Mr. Luffman has been at the center of much of the transformation of Franklin during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, some of the major accomplishments during his tenure include obtaining an International Organization for Standardization rating of three, adoption of the International Building Codes, plan review exemption from the State of Tennessee, and making Franklin the first city in the State of Tennessee to obtain electrical inspections away from state control since 1969; and

WHEREAS, in total, Gary Luffman has over thirty-eight years of government experience, more than thirty of which he spent with the City of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, prior to his estimable career in Franklin, Mr. Luffman served as the Assistant City Engineer for Columbia and as the Traffic Safety Engineer for the City of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Gary Luffman has served with acumen and alacrity for nearly thirty years as the Building and Neighborhood Services Director and has spent the remainder as the Interim Planning and Sustainability Director; and

WHEREAS, active in his profession and his community, he is a member of the Tennessee Building Officials Association, which named him the Tennessee Building Official of the Year in 2005, a past President of the Middle Tennessee Code Officials Association, member of the Cool Springs Kiwanis Club, and lead coordinator for the operations of the annual Franklin Christmas Parade; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Luffman graciously dedicates his time and energies to several noteworthy organizations, including the Vanderbilt and St. Jude's Children hospitals, the American Heart Association, and the March of Dimes; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments aside, Gary Luffman is also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps most proud of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, four children, and two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement, Mr. Luffman has planned to relax, improve his golf game, spend time with his family and friends, and do some consulting work; and

WHEREAS, Gary Luffman exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Luffman has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the good people of the City of Franklin; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Gary Luffman our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.